

FISCAL NOTE

HJR 1023

March 27, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges state agencies to offer mandated training and educational seminars via distance technologies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – If the state were to utilize distance technologies for mandated training and educational seminars, one-time state expenditures for equipment and installation is estimated to exceed \$34,000; the recurring increase to state expenditures for maintenance of video conferencing sites is estimated to exceed \$192,000 per year.

State travel expenditures are expected to decrease over time as multiple state agencies and departments begin utilizing distance technology sites. However, such cost savings cannot be specifically quantified due to multiple unknown factors.

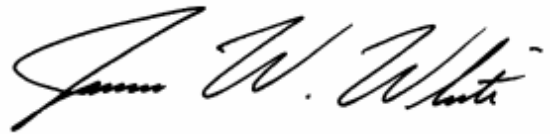
Assumptions:

- The fiscal impact of this resolution is dependent upon several unknown factors such as the number of state agencies not currently utilizing distance technologies as a training method, the cost of purchasing, installing, and maintaining distance technology equipment, the number of state employees that will no longer be required to travel, and the extent of reduced travel expenditures for the state.
- According to the Department of Finance and Administration, the cost of creating and maintaining each video conferencing site is \$1,700 (one-time for equipment and installation) plus \$800 per month (for maintenance).
- Minimum of 20 video conferencing sites. The one-time increase of state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$34,000 (20 sites x \$1,700 = \$34,000). The increase of recurring state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$192,000 (20 sites x \$800 x 12 months = \$192,000) per year.
- It is anticipated that travel expenditures for the state will decrease as a result of increased utilization of distance technology sites. These cost

savings are expected to result from multiple areas of state government. Given the extent of multiple unknown factors as mentioned above, such cost savings cannot be quantified.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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